

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This office action is in response to the amendment filed on January 18, 2008.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 4-7 were amended, and claims 2, 3 and 17-30 were canceled.

Currently, claims 1 and 4-16 remain active.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see page 6 of the amendment noted above, with respect to Tsuchiya et al. (U.S. 6,530,968) have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 4-16 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fairly shows or suggests all the limitations as claimed.

Re claim 1, none of the prior art of record discloses the following limitations in combination with the rest of the limitations in the claim: linear with polishing pressure; wherein the additive includes one of: an anionic surfactant and a cationic surfactant and wherein the cationic surfactant includes a chemical structure selected from the group consisting of: a) $[\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_x\text{N}(\text{R})]\text{M}$, wherein M is selected from the group consisting of: Cl, Br and I, x equals an integer between 2 and 24, and the R includes three carbon-based functional groups, each having less than eight carbon atoms; and b) CpH_qQN , where Q is selected from the group consisting of: Cl, Br and I, and $p > 8$ and $q > 20$.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh B. Duong whose telephone number is (571) 272-1836. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30-4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zandra Smith, can be reached on (571) 272-2429. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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